A Wasp in an Old Man's Slipper. There are times in the life of the small boy when he feels very sad from the use of a slipper or switch upon him. If anything happens to the person who has thus afflicted him, his joy is great, as will be seen from the following incident: A gentleman returned home from his daily toil and had pulled off his boots and was going to put on his slippers, when a howl of intense agony resounded through the hall. The affrighted family rushed to the door, and beheld their papa heaving the shadows with wild ges-tures and frantic gyratiens. "Take it off," he shouted, and made a grab at his foot, but, missing it, went on with the war dance. "Walter!" he shricked, and started up stairs, three at a step, and, turning, came back in a single stride, "Oh, I'm stabbed!" he cried and sank to the floor and held his right leg high above his head; then he rose to his feet with a bound, screaming for the bootjack, and held his foot out toward his terrified family. "Oh, bring the arnica," he yelled, and with one des-

The small boy was by this time out in the wood-shed, rolling in the kindling in an ecstasy of glee, and pausing occasionan cestasy of glee, and pausing occasionally to explain to the son of a neighbor, who had dropped in to see if there was any innocent sport going on in which he could share, "Oh, Bill! Bill," he said, "you wouldn't believe; sometime to-day, somehow or other, a big blue wasp got into the old man's slipper, and when he came home and put them on—oh! Bill you don't know what fun I've oh! Bill, you don't know what fun I've had."-Dattas (Texas) Herald.

pairing effort he reached his slipper and

got it off, and, with a groan as deep as a well and as hollow as a drum, sank into

a chair and clasped his foot in both

hands. "Look out for the scorpion," he whispered hoarsely, "I'm a dead

"She Retaliated Immejitly."

It was a suit for divorce. The hus-band—a surly, mean-faced, ferret-eyed, beetle-browed man—wanted a divorce from his wife. They were both in court. The woman was sickly-looking, and, very likely, had been driven into hysteries by the brute who called himself ber husband. The principal witness for her lusband. The principal witness for the plaintiff was another beetle-browed, ferret-eyed, mean-visaged fellow, who was shop-keeper for the latter and board-ed in his family.

And this witness had been "cooked" —had been "done up brown"—by beth his employer and his employer's lawyer.

It was plainly to be seen that he answered by rote—that the words he spoke had been put into his mouth by another. When the connsel for the wife came to question this witness, after his own law-yer had done with him, he said to him, with a smile, the whole meant for the

jury, of course:
"You've got your lesson pretty well, haven't you, sir?"
"I haven't got no lesson,"
"All right, But let us see, You

say, if I understand you, that Mrs.

B — has a very retaliating disposi-"Yes, sir; that's what I said."

Well, and how did she retaliate? "Why," granted the witness, with a stupid look, "I've told lots of 'em." Yes, and now I want you to tell me

one. Tell me and the jury, if you please, a marked case of her retaliat-"My! I've told you once she was

always rotaliating,"
"Exactly; but we want a particular instance, so that we can judge of its real merits. Now, lock. Did you ever see the plaintiff in this case—your employer

-kiss his wife?" "Yes, sir !" the man auswered, quick-

ly. "And what did the wife do on that occasion?" "She retaliated immejitly." "That will do. You may stand

The counsel for the plaintiff would

have called the witness back, but the Judge whispered to him something which nobody else heard, but which caused him to let the witness go. The divorce was not decreed.

The Elephant Myth.

The elephant of our childhood no longer exists. Like behemoth and leviathan and other mythical creatures in whom we once implicity believed, he has been proved to be a figment of the imagination. The authority upon which we make this unwelcome announcement is no other than Mr. Sanderson, who has for many years filled the post of Superintendent of Elephants to the Government of India, and who stands in the same relation to these animals that Sir Joseph Fayrer occupies toward tigers and venomous snakes. In a lecture recently delivered to the United Service Institution at Simla be roundly calls the elephant "positively idiotic in its attempts to escape when captured," and talks of "its want of orginality and its positive stupidity in ty of reasoning it is far below the dog and many other animals." Nor will Mr. Sanderson allow the estimates of its great height. Out of many hundreds e has measured in Southern India and Bengal, he has not found one reaching ten feet at the shoulder. Yet one disillusion more. The elephant-hunters in both Ceylon and India corroborate Sinbad's stery that elephants, when they feel the approach of death, retire to a solitary and inaccessible valley and there die in peace, But Mr. Sanderson, though he admits that no living man has come across the corpse of a wild elephant that has died a natural death, attributes this rather to their extreme longevity, which he is disposed to place as high as 200 years. This explanation, however, seems to us to violate that rule of scientific hypothesis which requires that the cause should be adequate to account for the result.-Pall Mall

Too High. At a camp-meeting last summer a venerable sister began the hymn :

My soul, be on thy guard; Ten thousand foce arise. She began too high. "Ten thousand!" she screeched, and stopped. "Start her at five thousand!" cried a converted

THE SCHOOLMANTER'S SLEEP.

The schoolmaster was weary,
Was weary, old, and gray;
And h-aviness came o'er him
Upon that summer day.

Neither of them spoke for a moment, but the same thought was in the minds of both, and later, when the children had gone to bed, they talked the matter over

and made a search, which proved as fruitless as the first.

said the 'Squire.
"I don't want to think so, but where

has it gone? And you know, Rueben, how anxious he was to go to Chelton."

It was agreed, however, not to say anything to Archie for a few days, "for

it may come out yet," they said.

But the days passed, and the money did not come out, so it was thought that

Archie must know something about it,
Both looked very sober; it was hard
to believe that the boy they had known
so long and who seemed to them almost
like their own, should be guilty of what

before him, while he looked uneasily

about him as if for some way to escape. At last he broke the silence by saying, "Archie, I can't tell how sorry I am to

room where the money was left, so we think—that is—no doubt it was a great temptation, but tell us the truth, that will be the best for as all."

Archie stood silent a moment; the color left his face, as he stood looking up,

Mrs. Blake entered the room just then. "O, it isn't likely it would be among his things now," she interrupted, speaking more sternly than usual; prob-ably being conscious of her own careless-ness in the matter, she was more willing

to blame some one else.

Archie's eyes filled with tears, and he turned with a mate glance of appeal, that touched the heart of one, at least, of his accusers, but the 'Squire left the room. He talked with the boy after this, but at his confess his

but nothing could make him confess his

alone believed him innocent,

The time passed, and it was decided that

"I just know you didn't take the old money, so there !" After he was gone, though she missed

Ten years have passed since the day

time; there are several rooms to be papered this time, and among them the

they feared.

"I can't think Archie would take it,"

A heaviness of spirit,
And nameless sense of pain,
He struggled hard to banish,
But struggled all in vain.

The drawsy school-room marmur He heard, and, in his trance, He knew his school were watching His face with stealthy glance.

He knew, and, for a moment, He roused himself again, To battle off the stapor That crushed his weary brain.

In vain, for, with the effort,
His head dropped on his breast,
His breath came faint and fainter,
And som he sank to rest.

And then arose an uproar!
And boundless was the glee
Among those little scholars
The schoolmaster to sec. And all the little urchins,
And maidens shouts with joy;
And, with a tear of laughter,
Cry what a funny boy [the dunce].

An hour new was passing,
And still the master slept,
And greater grew the tumulThese little scholars kept

Until a little mablen, Who watched the hangard face, With grave concern and wonder, Stole softly from her place, -

Stole softly to the master,
And gently touched his head,
And started back in terror—
The schoolmaster was dead!

SQUIRE BLAKE'S LOSS.

Mrs. Blake was house cleaning. With the assistance of Deborah, a colored woman, she had been hard at work for nearly a week; to-day they had come to the family sitting room, which besides being cleaned was to be newly papered. At this point the 'Squire had mildly de-clared that he "didn't see the need of turning everything upside down, if they were cleaning boxes."

The room opening from the sitting room was lower in the walls than that, thus giving space for two small closets, one on each side of the chimney. It had been thought best to have these papered over, they were too high for frequent use.

Mrs. Blake had a plot in her mind regarding them, and that was to fill them with some old books which were now "only Inmbering up the house," in her view, though if the Squire had been told was for "only lumbering up the house," in her view, though if the Squire had been told of this, his opinion might have been quite different for he seemed to have a full faces of his former friends, for Amy mania for second-hand books, and bought

all he came across.

In the 'Squire's family lived a boy by In the 'Squire's family lived a boy by the name of Archie Turner, who was a child of a neighbor of the Blakes. About a year before our story begins, his parents died, leaving him and a sister without relatives or money; the 'Squire, seeing that he was a smart, intelligent boy, and wanting some one to help about the "chores," had taken him to live with them, where he was considered as one of the family, his sister found a home with some friends in the neighboring town of some friends in the neighboring town of forgotten by all but those whom it most-

'Squire Blake was not a poor man, and there would sometime be, as the neigh-bors said, "quite a fortune to fall to somebody." So Archie was considered appeared, and again it is house cleaning to be very fortunate in having a home here, for the Squire and his wife had often spoken of adopting a boy, their only child being the little Amy, a girl of eight or nine years and now it looked as thought Archie might be the boy

seene at the beginning, the cleaning ha progressed finely; Mrs. Blake has called Archie to go with her to the attic to help bring down some books which have been crowded out of the house. She selected some volumes, and taking an armful, left Archie to do the same, and went down stairs. As she entered the sitting-room she was met by Mr. Stevens, a wealthy

"How'd do, Mrs. Blake," said he "cleaning house, I reckon; well, I won't hinder you long. I couldn't find the 'Squire anywhere's round, so I just dropped in to leave that money you bear him tell of, very likely; if he hain't te home no matter. Guess I can trust it to you;" and with a good-untured "ha, ha in appreciation of the joke, he produced a generous pocket-book, and taking from it a roll of bills, counted out the sum wanted, and handed it to Mrs. Blake, The 'Squire understands; there is no need of a receipt," he said; then, with a

'good day,' he was gone.

Mrs. Blake stood a moment with the money in her hands-one hundred dollars—when she was startled by hearing a ery from Deborah; hastily dropping the bills, she ran to her assistance, and found her swaving mournfully back and forth. "It's dene gone'n broke my arm now fo' sure," she wailed. Mrs. Blake helped

her to a more comfortable place than the kitchen floor, and ascertained the fact that she had fallen down some steps. The broken arm proved to be nothing more serious than a sprained wrist; that was bad enough, however, in Deborah's opinion, though it "might ha' ben wusser," she confessed.

Mrs. Blake bathed her wrist, and at

length she was in a condition to go home. Meanwhile, Archie had packed the books away in the closets and had busied him-

self out of doors.

It had taken some time to "straighten things out," as Mrs. Blake expressed it. after Deborah's accident, and the money was not thought of again until after tea when suddenly Mrs. Blake exclaimed, "Land sakes, Reuben, Mr. Stevens was here to-day and left that money; bless me, I hain't thought of it since. I've been so hurried.'

The 'Squire turned a few leaves of is book. "Well, where is it now, I wonder?" but his wife had gone to the

sitting-room,
"Bring a light, Reuben; I'm sure I left it here." A light was carried in, but no money was to be found. them, but without success.

'Deborah wouldn't take it, of course," said the 'Squire, doubtfully.
"No, indeed," his wife answered, turning her pocket wrong side out. "No; esides it was when I heard her cry that

I left it here and went to her." 'And was no one else here after that?" "No one, except "—Mrs. Blake hesi-tated—"no one but Archie."

Amy is now a young lady just out of chool; at present she is standing in the loorway of the room, watching the man whom they would adopt.

But while we have wandered from the as he tears off the paper, as it was thought best to do before the new was "Why!" she exclaimed, as one piece came off, "what is this, a little door?" 'Yes, don't you remember the closets

e had papered over years ago?" said Her curiosity regarding them was not satisfied till she had climbed some steps and had with difficulty pried open the

"Why, it's full of books!" she ox-'I have good reason to remember

when they were put in; it was at the time Archie Turner stole that money of you ther's," said her mother. Amy stood looking over the books hen suddenly, with an exclamation of urprise, she sprang down the steps and ent after her mother, who had left the

"I have found it!" she exclaimed, excitedly.
"Found what, child?"

For answer, Amy opened a book and held it before her mother, disclosing the lost money, nicely laid away where it had been undisturbed since the day Mrs. Blake had unconsciously dropped it be-fore going to attend Deborah.

When the 'Squire came home there was quite a story for him to hear. After it was finished, he sat a moment wiping his spectacles, then putting them on, re-marked, "Bless the boy, I never could quite believe he took it." Of course Archie must be acquainted

with the discovery, and the 'Squire sud-denly remembered that he had business in Chelton the next day. Accordingly the morning saw him on his way; the young law student was much surprised by this call from the Squire. "You don't know how hard it has been

all this time to think that you believed that I had taken the money," he said after the story was told. "But I know it has been hard to be

lieve it," was the reply.

Archie gladly accepted an invitation to visit the Blakes, where he was welcomed by all, and the friendship between him and Amy was not less than it had been in their childhood. But it came to pass in the course of a few years that he came the son of Squire Blake, though not by adoption

A CORRESPONDENT Says that the "crop" of marriageable young men at the watering-places this season was a failure. Too no money was to be found. They searched carefully around that and the other rooms; Amy and Archie joined and choke em. It is a crop that needs very careful attention and much conx-The top-dressing should be the best in the market, and the ground should be plowed deep and thoroughly If these directions are thorirrigated. oughly observed, we predict that the crop will be so large next season that a young haly can go out and pick two or three off one bush. Norristown Her-

SOUTHERN NEWS

Gen. F. Akers has been re-appointed Fish 'ommissioner for Middle Tennessee.

Rome, Ga., had but five bar-rooms three earsago, while it now has twenty-one.

ielded seventy bales of cotton this year. A nugget of gold weighing two and a half

ed for a grain elevator in Richmond, Va.

The last grand jury impaneled in Chren don county, S. C., included four colored men, all of whom could read and write.

they feared.

"Well," said the 'Squire, "I suppose I may as well speak to him about it;" so after breakfast, which Amy and Archie alone enjoyed, he called the latter back after the others had left the room. The boy came back and stood expectantly ompleted. They have 7,000 bushels of cutin seed on hand with which to start opera

In Dodge county, Ga., a. Mrs. Wright his say this—to think it; but we can not forget that you were the only one in the unde twenty yards of silk, having herself.

The receipts of the North Carolina colore State Pair, recently held in Baleigh, were omething over \$2,000. The expenses of adicolor left his face, as he stood looking up,
"O, you don't think I—I stole it!"
"We hope not; but if it is true, tell
us now, and we will forgive you."
"But I didn't take it," cried the boy;
"can't you believe me? look in my room, kinds, including premiums, will fall rather short of \$1,500.

of Danville, Ya., was buried last week. Shewas 104 years of age, and was the mother of Bev. Wm. Perkins, a Baptos minister, of the

ag the city of Savannah, 10,917 school childen, of whom only 1,031 are white. The deartments of modern languages and ealishence have been abolished in the schools

the Niebolson pavement are being laid on the avenuent for 1en year, and the improve ment will hardly be permanent,

go, which were ginned and packed awenty hree years ago. The bagging and rope ar stood order. The cotton was sold and in cents for the other.

Vicksburg Herald: What this lown and ounty wants just now is labor - good, inducome so triffing that they can't be utilized ty more. Just think of a common constrmonding a salary of \$100 per month and

A correspondent writes from Amelia con-. Va., that twenty-five cents is the usua rice for haptising converts in that section plantik: "Several columni Baptist preaches this county charged lifty cents a head for aptising; but, of late, one of them has greed to do it for twenty-live cents end

W. f. Hidden, the neineralogist, who we North Carolina last years in search platinum, to supply Edison's electric light is again in the western part of the State. He s now looking principally for electronate or ron, which is being used in the manufacture the finer kinds of paints, and in dyein

Tarboro, North Carolina, bas a referes Tarboro, North Carolina, bas a colored time let me take your liking for granted."—New York Hour. diect when she began to wear male clothing will dresses and new like a near those a man's work and bears a man's name. She has a version to being with women or doing their trial of work, and says she would go to the penitentiary before she would wear abounct the is a mother, but not at all motherly, and her child calls her papa.

In Georgia the number of children enrolled n the public schools of the State has rise; from 19,755 in 1873 to 62,330 in 1877, the las cear covered by the State School Commisioner's report. The number of colored children in attendance at the pub ic schools has more than doubled in the last five years The State makes the same appropriation to the colored State University that it does for the white. Georgia requires a poll-tax from all voters, and returns show that in 1879 the number of color d men who paid this tax was 8 522, an I these tex-payers owned 511. 199 acres. To other words, from one-half to two-thirds of the adult male negroes are tax savers and property-holders.

A young man momed Noftsinger was bange t Gainesville, Texas, a few months since. or the murder of a man named Kline. Th vidence showed that the number was conmitted on a warm summer night, while Kim and his wife were sleeping out on the perch his head being blown to atoms with a sho gun. The widow of the murdered man was recently confined with twins, thought she wa going to die, and confessed that she prepared the pallet on the porch for the deed to be committed, and was not beside him as was believed, but had arisen while her husband

was asleep that the assassius might do their work. She says the shot was fired by one Cardner, but he was seconded by Noftsinger The latter washer lover before her marriage to Kline. The woman is recovering and

soldier in an attitude of expectancy. Joading

a rifle of the flint and seed variety in us

indedded two inches in the granite universy

century before our era. In one of the buried cities I found many statues of Minerya with the owl's head, whence

her name of Glaucopis. In another city

of that city bears unmistakable signs of having been destroyed by fire and in

time of war. There were discovered

many remains of human bodies in full armor. I dug out and cleared away the

delens from the entire wall that nur-

rounded, the city, and also from all, the

principal buildings. Now I am tinishing a large volume in English describing with full details all my discoveries, and containing 200 illustrations of the

most important of the discoveries, My Tropan collection is now in London, but at the end of this year I shall take

tion from the United States, England,

France and Germany, but I cannot part

Tributes of Audiences to Actors.

What have I ever done to you," he

said, "that you should attempt my

life?" "Attempt your fife, Mr. Play-side!" cried the honest fell—with tears

in his eyes, "I never dream: I such a

thing. But they was all throwin you things, Mr. Playside, and I hadn't noth-

liked ye, Mr. Playside, and so I throwed

aughing, there's your chisel, but next

Preserving Timber in Ground.

of preserving posts and wood which are partly imbedded in the earth, by char-

ring and coating with tar, it is said these

In speaking of the well-known methods

"All right," said the actor,

will probably get well.

The monument erection in commemmum tion of the bettle of King's Mountain is a gran ite shaft measuring twenty-six feet in height

and eighteen feet at the base, a shapely figare whose smooth outlines contrast pleasant ounds has been taken out of the Christian nne, in North Carolina. rocks. The design was gotten up by a con Forty thousand dollars have been subscribmittee appointed especially for the purpose and con lists of a shall resides on a broad pedestal composed of five steps, and slopes The amount needed is \$60,000.

The cotton oil works of Enfants have been

There are in Georgia 88,522 colored men who own, by the tax receiver's returns for their respective counties, 551,199 acres of

raised the trees, attended the worms and coven the silk into cloth.

Edward In Strohecker, aged thirty years on of a prominent physician in Macon, Gacas found unconscious on the sidewalk, or

amount of debris under which the ancient city was buried. It has been necessary to dig down and dig up the ground for more than sixteen yards below the surface. But I am fully recompensed for all my trouble. I found the remains of seven different cities; the last of them was the Hien of Homer. That city was built by the Æelaus, banished from Greece by the Derivans in the eleventh century before our era. In one of the

aproving her streets, but the new blacks of ame planks that have rested under the old

rought nine cents per pound for one and

Fruits, as well as flowers, now figure among the tributes proffered by London andiences to favorite actresses. To most
of them, this is, no doubt, an agreeable innovation. A basket of inscious Bartlets

of now all have come down to that."

ad called printing.

A horne I snake to kept as a curiosity by C. Gregory, at his residence in Manchor a. It is about three feet long and his arn on the end of the fall, about one and alf inches in length, a little bent and re- w ding very much the spur of a rooster. The inke uses the horn as a weapon, which is aid to be very deadly. Even trees are said o have been killed by its blow.

methods are only effective when both are applied. Should the poles only be charred without the subsequent treatment with tar, the charcoal formation on the surface would only act as an absorber of the meisture, and, if anything, only hasten the decay. By applying a coating of tar without previously charring, the tar would only form a easing about the wood, nor would it penetrate to the depth which the absorbing properties of the charcoal surface would insure. Wood that is exposed to the action of the ground should first be charred, and then, before it has enwood is thoroughly impregnated. The acetic acid and oils contained in the tar are evaporated by the heat, and only the resin left behind, which penetrates the pores of the wood and forms an air-tight and waterproof envelope. It is important to impregnate the poles a little above the

line of exposure, for here it is that the action of decay affects the wood first, and where the break always occurs when removed from the earth or strained Accounts to London Truth, the life number of speculative persons, as are the lives of many other prominent pereral offices after the death of Prince Al-

THE FAMILY DOCTOR.

A vury simple and expeditious way of cooking a little bit of chicken or fish for n sick person is to butter a paper thickly, and place the food to be cooked within the paper, and place it on a gridient over a clear fire. A very short time suffices to cook it thoroughly; and I have often found that to be caten when all other modes of invalid cookery have

been tried in vain,—Chambers' Journal, Therm are destroyed either by the action of acids or the development of vegetable parasites. The former is the much more frequent cause of decay. It has been demonstrated by actual experipedestal composed of five steps, and slopes ment that even very weak acids may to the top which is about two and a lieft feet suffice to decompose the teeth subsquare. It was originally introduct to two mount the whole with a bronze figure of a soldier in an attitude of expectancy, leading stances are inert until fermentation takes place and acetic acid is formed. Animal during the Colonial period, but the present substances exert no deleterious influences condition of the association's funds would until putrefaction to far advanced,
not permit of the purchase of the staints.

When cold affects the head at-

When cold affects the head and eyes and in lieu of this, the monament has been and impeds breathing through the nose, surmmented by a pyramid shaped stane, great relief is gained by a vet mapkin spread over the upper part of the face. covering the nose, except an opening for breath. This is to be covered by folds of tlannel fastened over the napkin with

Seven Troys. a handkerchief. So also a wet towe.
The famous archieologist, Schliemann, over the throat and whole chest, covered wrote from Athens to a Russian paper, as follows: "I have just returned from Asia Minor, where I have at last finished that digging out of Troy which I began in 1870. During ten years I have struggled with great difficulties, smong which the most troublesome has been the large amount of debris under which the an

INVALUES should keep the refresh-ments covered in their sick-room. The jeffies, blane-manges, and various liq-nids used as cooling drinks, are more or less absorbent, and easily take up the inpurities which float about a sick-room, A glass of milk left uncovered will soon become tainted with any prevailing odor, as can be proven by leaving it in a room freshly painted. How important, then, that the poisons of sickness should be carefully kept from all that is to be were found many images of the di-vinities. But the most interesting and important of all the discov-eries is, of course, the city of King Prians. Every article found in the ruins

ever, or has fallen into convulsions from having overloaded the stomach, an instantaneous remedy, most efficient and applicable in a large number of cases, it a heaping teaspoonful of common salt, and as much ground mustard, stirred rapidly in a teneupful of water, warm or cold, and swallowed instantly. It is searnedy down before it begins to come up, bringing with it the remaining con-tents of the storough; and lest there be-my remaint of the poison, however small, let the white of an egg or a ten-specified of strong coffee be swallowed as soon as the stomach is quiet, as these actacles millify a large number of viru-

Dueling in Florida.

it to my villa in Athens, which is fire-proof, built only of marble and iron. I have received large offers for my collec-game" men could stand before this terighting with knives was to clasp the left hands of the combatants together and put very keen, broad knives in their hunds; the seconds then stood within pistol ball if either combatant violated the rules of the fight. many affairs with Isowie-knives in the unte-bellum days of Florids. One of or Oldmixons, if less postical, is certain-ly a much more practical present than the rarest bunch of camellias or jacque-minots.

The bowie in this case scens to have been a compromise be-These theatrical offerings vary earious ly in different parts of the world. In Spain a favorite analodor is overwhelmed was longht in 1852. It was very bloody, with showers of the men's cigars and the both men being gashed fearfully, and ladies' gloves and fana. On our Western | Jones was finally cut into slices across coast the hardy miner tentities his destight in a popular actor or natures by thinging gold pieces on the stage.

A still more singlar or much be siggreeable sort of compliment was once paid to Tom Playside in New Chicans. At the to Tom Playsho in New Chicans. At the word. With their lips clenched and end of a much applicated scene, when "bravos" rent the air and thowers were falling thick around him, a carpenter's broad chisel sped whitzing from the "flat" a few inches from his head. The offender was speedily discovered and brought before the indignant actor.

What hear I ps clenched and their teeth act like a vise they fought in sleepe. Not a sound came from the sidence. Not a sound came from the sidence, and when at last Jones tell in death Grinard turned, and, wiping the blood from his face, speke for the first time, addressing his second.

Afghan Etiquette.

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An Afghan never receives unceremonious calls. The visitor must send a few hours' notice of his intention. He is dential retainer or retainers, and con-ducted through an open courtyard to the foot of a rule, winding staircase, which loade first to an uncovered landing, and thence to the ordinary reception room or balcony of the propriator. Here he is received by the best in person, and conducted with every mark of courtesy and respect to a small row of chairs, the use of which article of furniture seems to be general in good society in Cabul, and to have quite superseded the carpets and felts which satisfied an older generation. After a few words of welcome and inquiries in a set formula after health on both sides, a tray of fruits usually appears, and is placed upon the carpet at the feet of the visitors. The fruits are followed by the tea-tray, and a cup of highly-sweetened green tea, without milk, is placed before the vis itor. The conversation is then carried on with more or less spirit on the ordinary topics of the day, and here, if the visit is a merely formal one, the interview comes to an end and the visitor is conducted to the door with the same formality and courtesy with which he was received. If, however, a confidential interview is desired, the attendants are requested to withdraw. Big Thing in Mules.

Galveston man met a gentleman rom Northern Texas, and asked how a certain mutum, friend was coming on, "He is doing very well," was the reply. "What trusiness is he at?" "He has got the softest thing in the world of He bought a lot of Mexican donteys at San Antonio for \$3 apiece, and, buying taken them up to his ranche, he

clears \$27 a head on them." "Do they bring such high prices?" "No, but he lets the railroad trains run over them,

and the company has to pay him \$30 apiece for them."—Galveston News. A Schengerapy lawyer charged \$7 for collecting a bill of \$5, but as it was against another lawyer the court held that the services were worth the money.

PITH AND POINT.

This most popular cure among poli-

The first American inscription put up-on the obelisk will be, "Post no Bills," "He sleeps where he fell," says a late ballad, which suggests that he must have been drunk.

With a beautiful thing is a rosy check! How great the contrast when the blash settles on the nose,

Husnand—" Mary, my love, this apple-dumpling is not half done," Wife—
"Well, finish it, then, my dear."

In was a young housekeeper who set the cake she had baked for a picnic out

of door one cold night to be frested. "Burnour, the dust upon the furni-ture is intolerable. What shall I do?" · Do as I do, marm - pay no attention to

It's a poor rule that won't work both ways. A Milwankee girl married a bar-ber, and he turned out to be a rich Baron A MODERN novel has this thrilling pas-

sage: "With one hand he held her beau-tiful golden head above the chilling wave, and with the other called loudly for ms-A young lady wrote some verses for a paper about her birthday, and headed them "May 30th." It almost made her

air turn gray when it appeared in print · My 30th. The average life of a farmer is sixty six years. At sixty-five he may safely begin to return borrowed tools, pay old dobts and ask forgiveness for cheating in

horse trades. "Is your cough any easier?" said one of poor Hood's acquaintances, on calling to see how he was, "It should be," said the wit from his pillow, "I've been practicing all night,"

This negro's definition of bigotry is as good and inclusive as that of Webster's Dictionary. "A bigot!" said he; "why he's a man who knowstoo much for one, and not quite enough for two." Ar a celebration back in the country a female arose and began: "This is our 104th anniversary." A wicked young man back in the crowd yelled out: "Good gracious! You don't look that

Son-"Father, the lecturer at the half to-night said that lunar rays were only concentrated luminosity of the earth's satellite, What do you think about it?" Intelligent parent—"All

noonshine, my son, all moonshine." Miss Flancingron-" Yes, I like the place very much, Major; you have such place very mach, shaper, you have such a jolly set of men down here." The Major—"Yes, awfully jolly. You'd better steel your heart, Miss Firtington, in case of accidents," Miss F.—"Well, while I'm about it, Major, I'd rather steal somebody else's, don't you know?"

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"Ant!" said Gilbooly, yesterday morning, "Pve done one good act." "Sent a barrel of flour to the poorhouse?" "Better than that. I've just told De Smith, who don't stand a ghost of a show, that he will be nominated by acelamation." "Well, that is one of those kindnesses that do a great deal of good and don't cost anything," mischief it don't cost anything 1 I borrowed 82 from him on the strength of

A poeron, being out for a day's shooting, took an errand boy to carry the game-bag. Entering a field of turnips, the dog pointed, and the boy, overjoyed at the prospect of his m success, exclaimed: "Lor, master, there's a covey; if you get near em won't you physic em!" "Physic em, you young raseal, what do you mean?" said the dector. "Why, kill em, to be sure," replied the lad,

Shall We Meet Again?

The following is one of the most brillant paragraphs over written by the lamented George D. Prentice : "The flat death is inexorable. There is no apcal for relief from the great law which soms us to dust. We flourish and fade s the leaves of the forest, and the flowrs that bloom, wither and fade in a day myo no frailer hold upon life than the ightiest monarch that over shook the mightest monarch that over shook the earth with his footsteps. Generations of men will appear and disappear as the grass, and the multitude that throng the world to-day will disappear as footteps on the shore. Men seldom think of the great event of death until the shadow falls across their own pathway, hiding from their eyes the faces of loved ones whose living smile was the sunlight of their existence. Death is the antag-onist of life, and the thought of the tomb is the skeleton of all feasts. We do not want to go through the dark valley, although the dark passage may lead to paradise; we do not want to go down into damp graves, even with Prin ces for bed-fellows. In the beautiful drama of 'lon' the hope of immortality, so eloquently uttered by the death-de voted Greek, finds deep response in ev-ery thoughtful soul. When about to ery thoughtful soul, rield his life a sacrifice to fate, his Clemanthe asks if they should meet again, to which he responds: I have asked that dreadful question of the hills that look eternal—of the clear streams that flow forever-of stars among whose fields of azure my raised spirits have watked in glory. All are dumb. But, as I gaze upon thy living face, I feel that there is something in love that mantles through its beauty that cannot wholly perish. We shall meet again, Clemanthe,"

THE scales of the red fish, famous in New Orleans markets, are carefully pre-served and sold at about \$8 per bushel, being in great demand by the fabricators of ornaments for wreaths and arti-ficial flowers for ladies' bonnets, and for various other purposes of tashionable various other purposes of tashionable
use and ornament. From a fish of six
or eight pounds the scales are as large
as a quarter of a dollar. They are so
hard and firmly planted that the scaling
process has to be performed with an ax
or hatchet.